## EXHIBIT 'A'

CIVIL COMPLAINT

MICHELE McPHEE v. PATRICK CANDELIERE

SUFFOLK SUPERIOR COURT C.A. NO. 1884-CV-01769-D

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SUFFOLK, SS.

SUPERIOR COURT

MICHELE MCPHEE,

Plaintiff,

v.

PATRICK CANDELIERE,

Defendant.

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## COMPLAINT AND JURY DEMAND

- 1. The Plaintiff, Michele McPhee ("McPhee"), is an individual who at all times relevant hereto resided in East Boston, County of Suffolk, Commonwealth of Massachuseus.
- 2. The Defendant, Massachusetts State Police Trooper Patrick Candeliere ("Candeliere"), is an individual who at all times relevant hereto resided in Weymouth, County of Norfolk, Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He is named in his individual capacity.
- 3. Candeliere was at all times relevant hereto a duly appointed Trooper of the Massachusetts State Police.
- 4. At all times relevant hereto, Candeliere acted in his capacity as a State Trooper.
- 5. At all times relevant hereto, Candeliere acted under color of law of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- 6. This case arises out of tortious injuries caused by the Defendant through his conduct, misconduct, and failure to act as required by law and policy on or about June 11, 2015.
- 7. The Defendant acted negligently, grossly negligently, recklessly, and with deliberate indifference to Plaintiff's rights, including her constitutional rights, in his failure to properly carry out the duties and responsibilities entrusted to him and upon which the residents of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts depended.
- 8. The Defendant's conduct deprived the Plaintiff of rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution and the laws of the United States and of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- 9. This Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 et al, and M.G.L. c. 12 §§ 11H and U.I.

## MICHELE MCPHEE INCIDENT

- On or about June 11, 2015, McPhee was operating her vehicle on Route I-93, northbound in or near South Boston, County of Suffolk, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- 11. At or around 1:00 a.m. on June 11, 2015, the Defendant, Candeliere, pulled McPhee over on I-93 northbound in or near South Boston, County of Suffolk, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- 12. After pulling McPhee over and speaking with her, Candeliere then instructed McPhee to operate her vehicle off of I-93 to an underpass further along the road.
- 13. McPhee followed these instructions and operated her vehicle as Candeliere directed.
- 14. Candeliere then approached McPhee again while she was in her vehicle.
- 15. Candeliere questioned McPhee such that McPhee felt uncomfortable and unsafe in Candeliere's presence, and she requested that a supervisor be called to the scene.
- 16. At all times relevant hereto, McPhee answered Candeliere's questions honestly and truthfully.
- 17. At all times relevant hereto, McPhee was fully cooperative with Candeliere.
- 18. Candeliere ordered McPhee to exit the vehicle, and McPhee again requested the presence of a supervisor for the remainder of the traffic stop.
- 19. Candeliere denied McPhee's request.
- 20. Candeliere then physically and forcibly removed McPhee from the vehicle in an aggressive manner and using excessive and unnecessary force.
- 21. After removing McPhee from the vehicle, Candeliere proceeded to physically assault McPhee, smashing her against the hood of her vehicle, such that she sustained personal injuries and began bleeding.
- 22. Candeliere called for backup and was joined by two other Officers, Boston Police Officer Kevin Coyne, and then State Police Sergeant William Fitzmaurice, to assist in the arrest of McPhee.
- 23. During McPhee's arrest, Candeliere continued to use excessive force by physically and violently assaulting McPhee, grabbing her arms, throwing her to the ground, and striking her head and face on the pavement, causing severe injury to her head and face. Candeliere physically and verbally overpowered McPhee.

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- 24. Candeliere engaged in an unprovoked assault on McPhee by using excessive and unnecessary force, which the other officers on the scene failed and/or refused to prevent, intervene, or stop.
- 25. Candeliere acted intentionally, knowingly, willfully, and with deliberate indifference to McPhee's Constitutional rights and of her rights granted by the laws of the United States and by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

### LIABILITY

- 26. The Defendant, Candeliere, had an obligation to act reasonably in such a way as to not deprive the Plaintiff of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution and of her rights granted by the laws of the United States and by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- 27. The Defendant, Candeliere, had an obligation not to use excessive, unreasonable, and unwarranted force on the Plaintiff.
- 28. The Defendant, Candeliere's use of force was unnecessary, unreasonable, excessive, and not required either to take McPhee into custody or to secure Candeliere's safety or the safety of others. As such, it constituted an unreasonable seizure of McPhee's person in violation of the Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution.
- 29. The Defendant, Candeliere, wrongfully and illegally detained McPhee.
- 30. The Defendant, Candeliere's actions deprived the Plaintiff of her Fourteenth Amendment rights to life and liberty free from state deprivation absent due process of law.
- 31. The Defendant, Candeliere's actions wrongfully and illegally interfered with McPhee's exercise and enjoyment of rights secured by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, and rights secured by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in violation of M.G.L. c. 12 §§111 and 11H.
- 32. The Defendant, Candeliere's actions wrongfully and illegally, by threats, intimidation, and coercion, interfered with McPhee's exercise and enjoyment of rights secured by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, and rights secured by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in violation of M.G.L. c. 12 §§ 11 and 11H.
- 33. As a direct and proximate result of the acts of the Defendant, McPhee suffered both physical and emotional harm, personal injuries, severe anxiety and depression, harassment, humiliation, fear, emotional distress, lost income, diminished earnings, and harm to her reputation.

34. As a direct and proximate result of the acts of the Defendant, McPhee sustained personal injuries including but not limited to a concussion, facial injury, significant right eyebrow laceration, right eye periorbital trauma, requiring twenty-two stitches, a right abdominal contusion, and lacerations and contusions to her body.

#### COUNT I VIOLATION OF 42 U.S.C. § 1983 (Michele McPhee v. Patrick Candeliere)

- 35. The Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 34 above.
- 36. At all times relevant hereto, the conduct of the Defendant was subject to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and 1988, et al, as well as the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution.
- 37. At all times relevant hereto, the Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution guaranteed to the Plaintiff, Michele McPhee, a right to protection from unreasonable seizures of her person.
- 38. At all times relevant hereto, the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution guaranteed to the Plaintiff, Michele McPhee, a right to life and liberty free from state deprivation absent due process of law.
- 39. On or about June 11, 2015, the Defendant, Candeliere, acting under color of law, deprived the Plaintiff of rights secured by the Constitution or laws of the United States.
- 40. The actions and omissions of the Defendant, as alleged herein and as committed under color of state law, deprived Michele McPhee of her rights secured by the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments, thereby giving rise to liability under 42 U.S.C. § 1983.
- 41. As a direct and proximate result of the Defendant's acts, McPhee suffered physical injury and pain and suffering, suffered great anxiety and strain, was caused great emotional distress, was subject to great humiliation, and suffered other damages, monetary and otherwise.
- 42. This is an action pursuant to 42 U.S.C § 1983 for conduct which occurred on or about June 11, 2015 by the Defendant, Patrick Candeliere.
- 43. Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1988, Plaintiff is entitled to attorneys' fees and costs, including expert fees, incurred in bringing the claims alleged in this count.

# VIOLATION OF M.G.L. c. 12 §§111 and 11H (Michele McPhee v. Patrick Candeliere)

44. The Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 43 above.

- 45. At all times relevant hereto, the conduct of the Defendant was subject to the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, including without limitation M.G.L. c. 12 §§111 and 11H, provisions of the Massachusetts Civil Rights Act.
- 46. At all times relevant hereto, the Massachusetts Civil Rights Act, including without limitation M.G.L. c. 12 §§111 and 11H, guaranteed to the Plaintiff, Michele McPhee, a right to exercise and enjoy the rights secured by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, and the Constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts without wrongful interference by way of threat, intimidation, or coercion.
- 47. On or about June 11, 2015, the Defendant, Candeliere, deprived the Plaintiff of rights secured by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, and the Constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- 48. The actions and omissions of the Defendant, as alleged herein, deprived Michele McPhee of her rights, thereby giving rise to liability under M.G.L. c. 12 §§111 and 11H.
- 49. As a direct and proximate result of the Defendant's acts, McPhee suffered physical injury and pain and suffering, suffered great anxiety and strain, was caused great emotional distress, was subject to great humiliation, and suffered other damages, monetary and otherwise.
- 50. This is an action pursuant to M.G.L. c. 12 §§111 and 11H for conduct which occurred on or about June 11, 2015 by the Defendant, Patrick Candeliere.
- 51. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 12 §111, Plaintiff is entitled to compensatory damages, attorneys' fees and costs, including expert fees, incurred in bringing the claims alleged in this count.

#### RELIEF REQUESTED

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, Michele McPhee, requests that this Court:

- A. Order the Defendant to cease prospective wrongful conduct;
- B. Order judgment for compensatory damages in the Plaintiff's favor in an amount sufficient to compensate her for her injuries, damages, and losses to the greatest extent permitted in equity and law;
- C. Order punitive damages, where applicable, to the Plaintiff;
- D. Order such payments to the Plaintiff of interest, costs, and her attorneys' fees pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §§ 1983 and 1988 and any other statute or common law theory of recovery applicable to the facts of this case;

- E. Order such payments to Plaintiff of interest, costs, and her attorneys' fees pursuant to M.G.L. c. 12 §111 and any other statute or common law theory recovery applicable to the facts of this case; and,
- F. Any other relief as this Court deems just.

THE PLAINTIFF DEMANDS A TRIAL BY JURY ON ALL ISSUES RAISED IN THIS COMPLAINT.

The Plaintiff, Michele McPhee, By her attorneys,

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## MICHELE MCPHEE v. PATRICK CANDELIERE Addendum to Civil Action Cover Sheet, Paragraph G

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As a direct and proximate result of the acts of the Defendant, McPhee sustained personal injuries including but not limited to a concussion, facial injury, significant right eyebrow laceration, right eye periorbital trauma, requiring twenty-two stitches, a right abdominal contusion, and lacerations and contusions to her body.

CIVIL TRACKING ORDER (STANDING ORDER 1-88)	1884CV01769	Trial Court of Massachusetts The Superior Court	Ŵ	
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#### TRACKING ORDER - F - Fast Track

You are hereby notified that this case is on the track referenced above as per Superior Court Standing Order 1-88. The order requires that the various stages of litigation described below must be completed not later than the deadlines indicated.

#### **STAGES OF LITIGATION**

#### DEADLINE

	SERVED BY	FILED BY	HEARD BY
Service of process made and return filed with the Court		09/05/2018	
Response to the complaint filed (also see MRCP 12)		10/05/2018	
All motions under MRCP 12, 19, and 20	10/05/2018	11/05/2018	12/04/2018
All motions under MRCP 15	10/05/2018	11/05/2018	12/04/2018
All discovery requests and depositions served and non-expert despositions completed	04/03/2019		
All motions under MRCP 56	05/03/2019	06/03/2019	
Final pre-trial conference held and/or firm trial date set			09/30/2019
Case shall be resolved and judgment shall issue by			06/08/2020

The final pre-trial deadline is <u>not the scheduled date of the conference</u>. You will be notified of that date at a later time. Counsel for plaintiff must serve this tracking order on defendant before the deadline for filing return of service.

This case is assigned to

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### EXHIBIT B

NOTICE TO SUFFOLK SUPERIOR COURT OF REMOVAL TO UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

SUFFOLK, SS.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SUPERIOR COURT DEPARTMENT
OF THE TRIAL COURT
NO. 1884CV01769-D

MICHELE McPHEE
Plaintiff

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## PATRICK CANDELIERE Defendant

## DEFENDANT'S NOTICE OF FILING NOTICE OF REMOVAL TO THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Please take notice that on this date the defendant Patrick Candeliere filed with the Clerk of the Suffolk County (Massachusetts) Superior Court a true and correct copy of the Notice of Removal which was filed in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts. A copy of the Notice of Removal is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

James J. Cipoletta
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Citizens Bank Building
385 Broadway - Suite 307
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Telephone 781.289.7777

Dated: August 22, 2018

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing Notice of Removal upon plaintiff's counsel,

Patrick T. Jones, Esq. - Jones Kelleher LLP - 21 Custom House Street, Boston, MA 02110 via first class

mail on this 22 day of August 2018.

James J. Cipoletta